



REMARKS

Election of Species Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that the invention includes different patentably distinct species, namely, materials for fuse elements and thermal fuses thereof comprising Bi and Sn (Specie I, claim 1 and the odd-numbered claims between 3 and 41) and materials for fuse elements and thermal fuses thereof comprising Bi, Sn, and 0.1 to 7.0 weight parts of one or more elements selected from Ag, Au, Cu, Ni, Pd, Pt, Ga, and Ge (Specie II, claim 1 and the even-numbered claims between 2 and 42). Accordingly, the Examiner requests election of a single disclosed species for initial examination on the merits. The Examiner acknowledges that claim 1 is generic to all of the claims so that upon allowance, all of the claims would be rejoined in the application.

Election of Species

Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Specie I, claim 1 and the odd-numbered claims between 3 and 41, for initial examination. In view of this election, prompt consideration and examination of this application are respectfully solicited.

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